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U.S. Consulate Remembers Victims of Attack

U.S. Consul General Tatiana C. Gfoeller led a memorial service today to honor both the survivors and those who were killed exactly one year ago during the brutal attack on the U.S. Consulate General in Jeddah on December 6, 2004.

“The lives of all the victims were taken suddenly, unexpectedly and without any reasonable or justifiable cause,” said Gfoeller. “They were all innocent victims of an unprovoked act of destructive terror. We mourn them all today.”

Five employees lost their lives in the attack: Mohammed Basheer Uddin, Ali Yaslem Bin Talib, Romeo de la Rosa, Imad El Deen Musa Ali, and Jafar Sadik. Several others were severely wounded.

In attendance were the victims’ families, consulate employees, and representatives from the consulates general of India, Yemen, the Philippines, Sudan, and Sri Lanka, the victims’ home countries. Joined by several of her colleagues, Gfoeller unveiled five marble plaques and asked for a moment of silence in commemoration of the victims’ sacrifice.

In subsequent remarks, a long-time consulate employee noted the impact of the attack on the staff. “The purpose of those animals was to create a horrific and disperse reaction. Instead, they brought people from inside and outside this consulate closer. The event has created a strong spirit for us to stand together as one force to fight back and to survive.”